Ten deadly weather events that shook Britain
Video transcript: 1962-63 The Big Freeze

Paul Hudson looks back to the winter of 1962-63 in Wild Weather North, broadcast on BBC One in 2012: One of the most memorable was the winter of 1962 and 1963 which was the coldest for around 200 years.

BBC News archive 1963: When you’ve been through the sort of weather we’ve all endured these last seven weeks, there’s some gratification in knowing that it’s been more than just bad weather.

Paul Hudson: Deep snow covered the ground as roads, rivers and lakes froze solid. At one stage helicopters had to evacuate workers from Fylingdales in north Yorkshire and Aysgarth Falls turned to ice.

BBC News archive 1963: By now the pedestrian - as well as the motorist - has had plenty of experience in coping with snow and ice. We’ve learned the hard way.